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MYSTERY AT HOWELL

Stranger Falls Unconscious on R. R. Track.

Was Well Dressed and a Mason—Refused Positively to Give His Name.

Howell has a mystery. The folk of the thrifty little village in South Christian are deeply interested in the identity of a stranger who lies at the home of one of Howell's citizens in a very critical condition.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning a well dressed man of rather prepossessing appearance walked through the village, following the track of the L. & N. railroad. He looked neither to the right nor the left and seemed oblivious of the curious eyes that followed him. About one hundred yards north of the town he was seen to reel suddenly, throw up his hands and fall by the side of the track. He did not rise and several citizens went to his rescue. He was lying unconscious where he had fallen. There was a slight incision on his head caused from contact with a cross tie as he fell.

Kind and willing hands conveyed the unconscious stranger to a store and a conveyance was summoned and he was taken to the home of Mr. C. N. Fox, near by. A physician was sent for. He was at a loss how to diagnose the case. There was no evidence of intoxication but his features had the appearance of a victim of cocaine. He was very feeble and at times delirious and seemed to be suffering intense pain. In his lucid moments he talked to those who watched at his bedside. His accent was that of an Englishman. He refused persistently to give his name and forbade an examination of his papers. He wore several Masonic emblems and showed conclusively that he was a member of the craft. He had a gold watch on his person and a considerable sum of money. No one knows the mysterious stranger and he had never been in that vicinity before.

THE UNIVERSALISTS.

State Convention in Session This Week.

The Universalist State Convention met in this city Friday with the following churches represented: Scottsburg and Good Hope in Hopkins county and Hopkinsville, Consolation and Castleberry in Christian county. A number of visiting preachers from other states are also on hand. Rev. W. L. Pope, of Fincastle, Ind., preached at the Universalist church last night, the day having been taken up with a business session. Rev. Arthur Roberts will preach the annual sermon this morning at 11 o'clock, and Rev. W. E. McCord, of Consolation, will preach to-night. The election of officers will be held at the morning session. The convention will adjourn to-morrow.

Real Estate Transfers.

A. A. Fuqua and wife to Edwin Garner; lot on Main street, Lafayette, \$125.
Lee King and wife to N. P. Blankenship, 12 acres land in Christian county, \$75.
C. A. Terry and Thos. Terry to Bank of Lafayette; lot in town of Lafayette, \$200.

Special Deputy Appointed.

On motion of Sheriff J. J. Barnes John Smith was yesterday appointed a special deputy sheriff.

MACHETE OF CUBA.

It is Made in Nearly Thirty Different Forms.

While military experts have been telling us for years that the new conditions of modern warfare have made the cavalry charge obsolete, we read nearly every day of Cuban victories won by cavalry wielding the "terrible machete."

Yankee hands forged the weapon with which Cuban patriots are carving out for themselves and their children an independent State. The machete (pronounced "machetty"), which is the implement for all needs throughout Spanish America, and has, in so many furious charges, brought triumph to the Cuban insurgents, has long been made by the thousands at Hartford, Conn., and sold to all of our Spanish-speaking neighbors.

This blade is first cousin to the sabre of our own cavalry, but, while the sabre serves only one purpose, the machete serves many, and is as useful in peace as in war.

Almost every Spanish-American male above the age of childhood carries a machete. The laborer has it, because with the machete he cuts sugar cane, prepares firewood and trenches the ground for his crop. The horseman wears the machete, because with it he cuts his way through the woodlands during journeys over rough country. It is sword, spade and hedging-bill, ax, hatchet and pruning knife.

The Hidalgo wears it with silvered hilt and tasseled scabbard; his humbler neighbor is content to carry it bare and hilted with horn, wood or leather.

You may have the machete in nearly thirty different forms. The blade, from ten to twenty-eight inches long, may be either blunt or pointed, curved or straight, broad or narrow. The favorite with the laborer is the machete of medium length, with unornamented handle and broad, straight blade. The Spanish-American Hidalgo bears a scabbarded machete, long, straight or curved, as taste prompts.

Two things have made cavalry conspicuous in the Cuban war at a time when men had begun to think of the cavalry sabre as sure to take its place with the lance among the weapons of the past. First, every Cuban owns a machete, and may own a horse. Given fifty Cubans, each with horse and machete, you have for the purposes of this war an effective troop of cavalry.

Again, nearly every engagement of the insurgent war has been fought on rough ground, where the infantry hollow square could not be effectively formed.

Cavalry can rarely penetrate the square of infantry bristling with bayonets and ready to pour volley after volley into an advancing foe.

But, on the other hand, infantry formed, as troops must be, upon the rough Cuban battlefields, cannot easily withstand the charge of cavalry armed with the terrible machete.

A Narrow Escape.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, of Clarksville, came near being seriously hurt in a runaway accident Thursday afternoon. They were returning to Clarksville from this city in a buggy. Two miles from the city limits their horse became frightened at a traction engine. The animal turned suddenly and plunged across the road and became entangled in a barbed wire fence.

Mrs. Edwards was thrown from the vehicle but fortunately was not hurt. Mr. Edwards escaped without injuries. The horse was badly hurt and was brought back to the city and left in care of Dr. Bradley, the veterinarian. Mr. W. H. Cummings and Mr. Mike Griffith, who arrived at the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred, offered their buggy to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards who drove back to the city and took the 5:13 train for Clarksville.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison, of this city, has returned from a visit to relatives in West Tennessee.

SOCIETY EVENTS.

Delightful Reception Given By Mr. and Mrs. Long.

Miss Radford Entertains a Number of Her Friends at Idlewylde.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Long entertained last evening complimentary to their pretty and accomplished guest, Miss Mamie McCullagh, of Henderson. There is no home in this city more popular with the young people and none associated in memory with more delightful social events. The parlors of the elegant home were sweet with the odor of fresh flowers and plants. An orchestra rendered delightful music. A more delightful occasion has not been enjoyed by the young people of this city in many seasons.

Miss Willie Radford, the popular hostess of Idlewylde, gave a euchre party yesterday at her beautiful home, which proved one of the most enjoyable events of the social season. The parlors were prettily and tastefully decorated. All of the guests were ladies and their delightful pastime was not disturbed during the entire day by a hint or suggestion of man and his tyranny.

The edibles were elegant, of the greatest variety and delicacy and were provided by a Nashville caterer.

The guests were Mesdames Will Garnett, Chicago; W. A. Radford, Pembroke; Garland Cooper, George E. Gary, Frances Thompson, Cadiz; Misses Belle Moore, Edith Boulware, Mary, Georgia and Patty Flack, Mary Barbour, Richie Burnett, Madge and Letitia Fairleigh.

RACE RIOT ON BOARD.

Exciting Scene On L. & N. Passenger Train Yesterday Morning.

The unique and altogether exciting spectacle of a race riot on board a fast passenger train was one of the diversions to which tourists and passengers on the 9:38 a.m. L. & N. train were treated yesterday.

When the train reached Guthrie it was boarded by thirteen filthy colored roustabouts in charge of a white man who had recruited them at Memphis for service on the wharf and packets at Evansville. The men had been drinking hard and began to be very boisterous and offensive before the train pulled out from Guthrie. Between the latter point and Trenton a flagman went into their compartment to count them in order to see that their number corresponded with the transportation papers. He was cursed and assaulted by the drunken bullies. Capt. Wenne, the conductor, rushed to the rescue of the flagman and was set upon by several of the brutes. The noise of the melee and the others of the drunken roustabouts attracted the attention of the male passengers in the rear car. Several of them taking in the situation went to the conductor's relief. A drummer seized a heavy stick and began to strike right and left; Capt. Wenne rushed to the baggage car and returned with a couple of six shooters. The belligerents flashed their knives and stood defiant. When quiet was finally restored it was found that several of the roustabouts had bruised craniums and Capt. Wenne had received a slight cut on his wrist. His coolness throughout the affair was worthy the highest commendation.

The City Court.

In the city court yesterday Wm. Yates, col., was fined \$1 for neglecting to light the lamp on his bicycle.

Chas. Harris, col., for playing drunk, was fined the usual amount.

Jeremiah Coleman is absent visiting his son in Clarksville.

FIELD AND CAMP.

What Soldiers Are Doing at Lexington and Elsewhere.

Lieut. Bassett's Endorsements—Dr. Bell On a Furlough—More Recruits for Cavalry.

If Lieut. Bassett fails in his aspirations to be a major in one of the regiments of Kentucky volunteers it will be through no lack of effort on his part or loyalty and interest on the part of his friends. His petition is signed by the most prominent business and professional men in the city regardless of political affiliation and many prominent officials have written personal letters to Gov. Bradley in his behalf. Lieut. Bassett has warm friends in Louisville and other portions of the State who are deeply interested in his appointment and are ably seconding his efforts. His appointment would give the greatest satisfaction to the people of this city and would reflect credit upon the executive.

Dr. Austin Bell arrived yesterday from Camp Collier, Lexington, on the morning train. His many friends in the city were delighted to see him and congratulated him warmly upon his success and promotion. He reports the health of the men at Camp Collier good. The regiment he thinks will be ready to move by the first of next week. Dr. Bell is of the opinion that the Third will be ordered to Washington. This will be unwelcome by a majority of the regiment as the boys are generally anxious for active service. Dr. Bell will return to Lexington to-day.

There were three applications for enlistment in the First United States Cavalry regiment yesterday. Their names were filed and they will be subjected to the physical examination Thursday.

Mr. Eckstein Norton, of Louisville, a young gentleman well known and disreputably popular in the social circles of this city has been appointed Adjutant of the Second Battalion of the First Regiment Kentucky volunteers. He is a brother of Mr. W. P. Norton, proprietor of the Winona stock farm.

The work of mustering in the volunteers under the first call is practically complete, reports to Adj. Gen. Corbin showing the number now in Federal service to be 118,000.

David Castleman and M. H. Crump have been appointed Majors of the Second and Third battalions, respectively. The staff and field officers were examined yesterday, and all stood the test.

The Third Kentucky regiment still lacks three companies of completion. No mustering was done at Camp Collier yesterday, but the surgeons examined a number of recruits. The mustering officers will not muster in any companies of the First regiment until the Third is finished.

Mr. Jas. A. Radford, of The Square, is in receipt of a letter from his brother, Lieut. Cyrus S. Radford, of the United States battleship Texas, now with Commodore Schley's fleet holding the Spanish Admiral in the bay of Santiago. Like all other enthusiastic and patriotic young officers, Lieut. Radford is anxious for action. He says that he hopes to be able to send his brother a Spanish rifle as a companion piece to the gun recently sent him from the wreck of the Maine.

The Big Circus

Is to view the immense throng of people who flock into E. B. Clark & Co.'s Market House on Saturday, its the place to save money.

MAJ. GEN. MERRITT

Reaches San Francisco to Take Charge of Preparations.

San Francisco, May 18.—Maj. Gen. Merritt, Governor General of the Philippines, has arrived in this city. All future movements of the



GENERAL MERRITT.

Manila expeditions will be subject to his orders. He will act only under instructions from Washington. Gen. Otis will accompany the second expedition, which is expected to sail within three weeks. The work of equipping the troops will now be in charge of Col. James W. Pope, Chief Quartermaster of Gen. Merritt's staff, who also arrived this evening.

IT'S SOBRAL.

And the Spanish Spy Will Be Hanged in Atlanta Prison.

Key West, Fla., May 27.—The Spanish Lieutenant, Sobral, is to be taken to the military prison at Atlanta, and will there be tried and probably executed as a spy. He has been identified as Sobral by seven men, one of whom lived at the same boarding-house with Sobral in Washington for several weeks. All identify the man positively.

HOW MISSIONARIES MET DEATH

West African Natives Hacked American Women to Pieces.

London, May 27.—A letter received in this city from Sierra Leone, West Africa, says that a Medina native who was with the American missionaries at Rotfunk when they were massacred by the insurgents, but who made his escape by resuming his native garb, furnishes the following account of the tragedy:

"We started to walk to Sierra Leone, but had only gone half a mile when we met war boys, who blockaded the way. Rev. Mr. Cain tried to frighten them by firing a revolver over their heads, but, seeing they were determined to do mischief, he cast his revolver away and said he would not have anybody's blood on his hands. The war boys then seized the party, including Misses Hatfield, Archer and Kent, stripped them of their clothing, dragged them back to the mission house, in front of which the war boys cut down Rev. Mr. Cain and hacked him to death, and then treated Miss Archer and Miss Kent in the same way. Miss Hatfield, who was very ill, was thrown on a barbed wire netting, and finally her throat was cut. Mrs. Cain escaped to a bush with a native girl, but the war boys went out seeking for them, and they were afterwards killed."

Bob Howell's Burgoo.

Popular Bob Howell will give a picnic at Kennedy to-day. A number of his friends from this city will attend. There will also be a large delegation from Clarksville. The guests will be principally tobacco men. With Bob Howell as host it is superfluous to dwell on the royal time that will be had.

THE LAST DAY.

No More Suits for June Term of Court.

Docket Will Be Very Light—Two Important Actions Yesterday.

Yesterday was the last day for filing suits to be tried at the June term of the Circuit Court. The docket will be the smallest in many years, only eighty-six appearances having been entered upon the record. At the June term last year there were 190 appearances. There are a large number of continued cases upon the docket, however, and court will sit to the full extent of the term. More than six hundred cases, including Commonwealth business remain upon the records to be disposed of.

Sensational Divorce Suit.

A divorce suit which will attract considerable attention by reason of the plaintiff's age and the prominence of the parties was filed in the circuit court yesterday. The plaintiff is Mr. W. G. McGehee, of Trigg county. He is 72 years of age and was married to his present wife nearly three years ago. At the time of the marriage she was the widow M. M. West. Their domestic troubles began shortly after their vows were plighted at the altar. She developed such a violent and ungovernable temper, he alleges and behaved toward him in such a cruel and inhuman manner as to indicate on her part a settled aversion and destroy permanently his peace and happiness. He says she is quarrelsome, abusive, vindictive, coarse, vulgar and profane and unfit for any self-respecting man to live with. In July 1896 her conduct, according to his petition, became so outrageous that he went on a visit to his children. When he returned to his home she had left and they have not since lived together. He prays for an absolute divorce.

Suit Against the City.

W. L. Bradley has instituted suit against the city and wants \$500 damages. He says in the petition that he is 70 years old and a poor man compelled to earn his support and the support of his family by manual labor. On March 26th while quietly and peacefully walking down 7th street, he says he was set upon and assaulted by a couple of the city's agents, dragged through the streets and thrust into the lockup where he spent 15 hours. On Sunday morning he awoke, he was brought out and told that a fine of \$6.35 had been assessed against him and that if he would sign papers purporting to be a bond he might go. The technical point upon which the action is based is the alleged conviction without a trial, without witnesses or the presence of the accused in court.

SECOND CALL.

WANTED—200 cavalry horses. Must be from 4 to 8 years old, 900 to 1100 lbs, 15 to 16 hands high. Sound, clear of blemishes. Will be at Layne's stable, Thursday, June 2, 1898. Bring in your horses and get the top prices for them.

J. D. GUYTON & Co., U. S. A.

Fifteen Lady Masons.

The Masonic fraternity had a special meeting last night for conferment of the Eastern Star degree. Fifteen ladies took the degree, which was conferred by Rev. A. W. Meacham, of Gracey. A large number of Master Masons also received the degree.